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SUBJECT: SOVIET PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. SOBRANIYE POSTANOVLENIY SSSR NO. 5, 1976 ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL CHANGES:

-- N.M. PEGOV RELIEVED AS DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PERSONNEL, USSR FOREIGN MINISTRY AND TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DUTIES, 16 JANUARY 1976;

-- V.N. YAGODKIN APPOINTED DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PERSONNEL, USSR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, 26 JANUARY 1976;

-- S.L. DVORNIKOV APPOINTED FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER, USSR MINISTRY OF RURAL CONSTRUCTION AND RELIEVED AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF USSR GOSSTROY, 4 FEBRUARY 1976;

-- I.K. KOZULYA RELIEVED AS FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF USSR MINISTRY OF RURAL CONSTRUCTION AND RETIRED ON PENSION, 4 FEBRUARY 1976.

2. PEGOV SEEMS TO BE THE NEW HEAD OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT FOR "CADRES ABROAD. (HE SO INFORMED INDIAN EMBASSY A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO.) THE APPOINTMENT OF YAGODKIN AS USSR DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION IS NOT AS MUCH OF A DEMOTION AS RUMORED-- WE HAD HEARD FROM SEVERAL UN-OFFICIAL SOURCES THAT HE HAD BEEN MOVED TO THE RSFSR MINISTRY

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OF EDUCATION AS A DEPUTY MINISTER.

3. RUMORS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE ABOUT YAGODKIN'S OUSTER AS MOSCOW CP SECRETARY FOR IDEOLOGY AND CULTURE. THE LATEST IS THAT HIS NOVEMBER 1975 ARTICLE IN "NOVY MIR" HAD NOT RECEIVED THE PROPER CLEARANCES, AND THAT HE SUBMITTED A MANUSCRIPT TO "KOMMUNIST" EARLY THIS YEAR WHICH WAS OUT OF STEP WITH CURRENT CULTURAL POLICY. AS A RESULT, SUSLOV SUPPOSEDLY CALLED HIM IN AT BREZHNEV'S INSTRUCTION AND INFORMED YAGODKIN HE WAS BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BECAUSE HE WAS TOO INDEPENDENT-MINDED. THIS RUMOR GOES ON TO CLAIM THAT WHILE IN THE PART YAGODKIN HAD ENJOYED GRISHIN'S PATRONAGE, THE LATTER HAS BECOME PREOCCUPIED WITH POLIT-BURO MATTERS AND IS NOT IN GOOD HEALTH (ADMINISTRATION OF THE MOSCOW PARTY APPARATUS REPORTEDLY HAS FALLEN LARGELY TO SECOND SECRETARY LEONID GREKOV). STOESSEL

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